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## Missed

Memory is a missing shoe in a frostbitten city. Someone changed the exits  
on the interstate. You enter

an anonymous lane. In the distance, a white house with blue shutters.  
No one knows

you loved the boy who cries in the house down the lane. Tonight you miss  
the turn that would lead you to him.

Ice on the shutters. Frost on the lane. Roads close because of weather.  
No one hears the cry.

Memory's illustration of night as frostbitten city: misery is a missing shoe  
off the shoulder

of the interstate, down a frozen lane, outside a white house. Shuttered.  
In a frostbitten city. One lonesome foot.

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